

CLAIMS

1. An adaptor for a memory card having an insertion opening at its one end, through which said memory card is housed in the adaptor, and
5 configured to be connectable to a memory card slot of an electronic appliance, the adaptor comprising:

a base made of a resin material;

a plurality of electrically conductive members fixed to a surface of said base so as to electrically contact a plurality of terminals of said memory
10 card inserted in the adapter;

a cover made of a resin material; and

a metal shell held between said base and said cover, so that a memory-card storage room is provided by a space surrounded by said metal shell and the surface of said base.

2. The adaptor as set forth in claim 1, wherein a projecting piece is integrally formed with said metal shell, and said projecting piece is held
15 between said base and said cover.

3. The adaptor as set forth in claim 1, wherein a terminal element is integrally formed with said metal shell, and said terminal element electrically contacts an electrically conductive member for grounding fixed
20 to said base.

4. The adaptor as set forth in claim 1, wherein a pair of spring elements are integrally formed with said metal shell, and said spring elements are
30 engaged to concaves formed in both sides of said memory card when said

memory card is inserted in said adaptor.

5 5. The adaptor as set forth in claim 1, wherein said metal shell is supported by said base to be movable in a seesaw fashion between an opening position where an insertion of said memory card in said memory-card storage room is enabled and a closing position where an ejection of said memory card from said memory-card storage room is disabled.

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6. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein said base has a projection formed at the vicinity of said insertion opening to prevent falling of said memory card from the adaptor.

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7. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein the seesaw motion of said metal shell is provided by engagements between a pair of pivot shafts formed on said metal shell and bearing portions formed in said base.

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8. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein said base has a groove in a surface facing said memory-card storage room to increase a range of the seesaw motion of said metal shell.

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9. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein a projection is integrally formed with said metal shell, and said metal shell is locked at the closing position by engaging said projection to a concave formed in said base.

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10. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein said cover has a stopper for prohibiting an excessive seesaw motion of said metal shell.

5 11. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein said electrically conductive members comprise an electrically conductive member for grounding, one of said metal shell and said electrically conductive member for grounding has an elastic piece, and said electrically conductive member for grounding contacts said metal shell at the closing position
10 through said elastic piece.

12. The adaptor as set forth in claim 5, wherein said base has a notch configured such that said memory card is pushed from the outside of the
15 adaptor through said notch in a direction of facilitating an ejection of said memory card from said memory-card storage room.

13. The adaptor as set forth in claim 1, wherein said electrically
20 conductive members has first terminal portions at their one end, which electrically contact terminals of said electronic appliance when the adaptor is inserted in said memory card slot, and second terminal portions at their opposite end, which electrically contact terminals of said memory card when said memory card is housed in the adaptor, said
25 second terminal portions are exposed in said memory-card storage room between said base and said metal shell, and said first terminal portions are accommodated between said base and said cover.